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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6515 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 14, 2005

BILL NUMBER: HB 1363 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Paramedic Service Levies.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill allows an excessive levy appeal by a township to pay the costs of providing emergency medical services by paramedics in the township.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Local Government Tax Control Board and the Department of Local Government Finance may incur some additional expenses in hearing and processing the appeals. The additional expense could probably be covered with the existing level of staff and resources.

Property Tax Replacement Credit payments would not be affected by this proposal

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Under this proposal, a township may appeal to the state's Local Government Tax Control Board for an excessive levy to pay the costs of paramedic services. The Control Board would set the amount of the excessive levy, if any. Excessive levies, if approved, would increase the township's total property tax levy and tax rate. The amount of the increase would depend on the request by the township and the response by the Control Board. Townships would be able to seek excessive levies for township paramedic services beginning with property taxes paid in CY 2007.

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Background Information: The levies for township emergency medical services funds for CY 2005 were approximately \$3.1 M, and their budgets were approximately \$6 M.

State Agencies Affected: Local Government Tax Control Board, Department of Local Government Finance.

Local Agencies Affected: Townships.

Information Sources:

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